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MILKEN AWARD TO BE PRESENTED

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – A Kentucky educator will get the surprise of a lifetime this week, when he or she will be notified of his or her selection as a [Milken Family Foundation](#) Educator.

On Tuesday, April 10, at 2 p.m. ET, the educator will be visited by Kentucky Education Commissioner Terry Holliday, former Governor and current President of the University of Pikeville Paul Patton and other special guests. The educator is employed by Pikeville High School.

Commissioner Holliday and other visitors will arrive at the school at approximately 1:45 p.m. ET.

CONFIDENTIALITY IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IN THIS VISIT. The winner does not know of his or her selection.

The largest teacher recognition program in the U.S., the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards were created to reward, retain and attract the highest quality K-12 educators to the profession. Each Milken Educator receives an unrestricted financial award of \$25,000.

Since 1993, when the state joined the program, 51 Kentucky educators have received the award.

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The Awards

The Milken Educator Awards provide recognition and unrestricted financial awards of \$25,000 to exceptional elementary and secondary school teachers, principals and specialists who are furthering excellence in our nation's schools. This year, up to 40 of American's finest educators will be honored.

Each year exceptional educators — considered without their knowledge by a blue-ribbon panel appointed by each state's department of education — are surprised with the news of their \$25,000 awards, which they can use in any way they choose. These announcements are made during emotional assemblies held at each recipient's school, and are attended by students and peers, as well as federal, state and local officials, and the media.

Key Statistics

NATIONAL

- up to 40 recipients across the country
- more than 2,500 recipients since inception (including new recipients)
- over \$63 million in awards since inception

KENTUCKY

- \$25,000 to be awarded in Kentucky
- 1 recipient in 2011-12
- 51 recipients since program began in Kentucky
- \$1,275,000 awarded in Kentucky since program began

This is the 25th anniversary of the Milken Educator Awards, first presented by the Milken Family Foundation in 1987. Kentucky joined the Milken Educator Awards program in 1993.

Milken Family Foundation

The Milken Family Foundation was established in 1982 to discover and advance inventive and effective ways of helping people help themselves and those around them lead productive and satisfying lives. The foundation advances this mission primarily through its work in education and medical research.

For more information about the Milken Educator Awards, visit www.mff.org and follow at [www.twitter.com/milken](https://twitter.com/milken), www.youtube.com/milkenaward and www.facebook.com/milkeneducatorawards.